

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-3 and 9-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 4-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, the application was indicated as allowable except for formal matters. More particularly, the Action requires cancellation of non-elected Claims 4-8; and requires re-submission of the IDS filed on May 3, 2004.

Accordingly, as Claims 4-8 are canceled and the above-noted IDS is resubmitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and requested that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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